

## **United States Department of the Interior**

## FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE

## Savannah Coastal Refuges Complex

Blackbeard Island, Harris Neck, Pinckney Island, Savannah, Tybee, Wassaw and Wolf Island National Wildlife Refuges 694 Beech Hill Lane Hardeeville, SC 29927

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April 1, 2017

The Youth Conservation Corps (YCC) Program, administered by agencies in the U.S. Department of the Interior and Department of Agriculture, will be carried out again this summer. Depending on funding, we will be hiring up to ten (10) enrollees at the Savannah National Wildlife Refuge (NWR).

This special 8-week summer youth employment program for ages 15 through 18 will commence June 5, 2017 and end on July 28, 2017. This program is non-residential; enrollees reside at home and commute daily to the work station. The work station will be the Savannah NWR maintenance shop, located off of SC 170/GA 25 in Jasper County, South Carolina. The facility is approximately four miles east of Port Wentworth, GA and 10 miles from downtown Savannah, GA. The YCC work schedule will be Monday through Friday from 7:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. (July 4<sup>th</sup> paid holiday). The following are some points of interest and important details for enrollee candidates:

- YCC is a well-balanced, work-learn-earn program which will provide the enrollee with a better understanding of their environment and the management of our natural resources. No prior work experience or special skills required;
- Fostering of an anti-bullying and zero tolerance message;
- Employment is without regard to social, economic, racial, or ethnic backgrounds;
- Disabled youth who can effectively participate in YCC activities are eligible;
- MUST be a permanent resident of the United States;
- MUST have a Social Security number or have made application to obtain one (proof required.) Application forms for Social Security numbers can be obtained from the nearest Social Security Administration office;
- Have no history of criminal behavior;
- Have parental or legal guardian consent to participate (proof required);
- Able to work the 8 week program (no paid vacation days);
- Minimum wage (\$7.25) and a 40-hour work week will apply; and
- Have transportation to the work station;
- Applicants that meet the requirements will be drawn randomly May 5, 2017.



Types of work to expect:

- Facility and Grounds care/upkeep (mowing, weeding, etc.)
- Trail work (foot bridge repair, rebuilding/creating trail)
- Pollinator Garden construction
- Repair, maintain, and install signs
- Basic construction type projects
- Fence repair/building
- Bird banding (duck/dove)
- Environmental Education experiences
- Community Outreach

**Applications must be postmarked by May 1, 2017**. Those postmarked after that date will not be considered. Applications should be mailed to: Russell Webb, 694 Beech Hill Lane Hardeeville, South Carolina 29927, or emailed to Russell\_webb@fws.gov.

If you need additional information, please call Savannah National Wildlife Refuge (Russ Webb or Monica Harris) 843-784-9911.

We will appreciate your assistance in identifying students interested in working for the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service this summer. A supply of YCC application forms is enclosed.

Good Luck!

Russell Webb Refuge Manager

## **Attachment:**

Youth Conservation Corps Application YCC flyer

